HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B.SESHASAYANA REDDY

Writ Petition No. 15066 of 2003

Dated: 28th October, 2005

Between:

Alemineti Kedareshwar Reddy S/o.A.Eshwar Reddy,

R/o.ALIMINETI NILAYAM, 2-2-1143/A, New Nallakunta,

Hyderabad.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Passport Officer, The Regional Passport Office,

Kummarguda,Adjacent to Prashant Theatre,

Secunderabad, A.P.

.....RESPONDENT

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ORDER:

This writ petition has been filed by Alemineti Kedareshwar Reddy questioning the action of the Passport Officer, Regional Passport Office, Secunderabad/respondent, in noting the observation on the passport as "Holder's date of birth entered on cover page of his passport has been corrected to read as 27.09.1959".

2. The brief facts of the case giving raise to filing of this writ petition by Alemineti Kedareshwar Reddy are:- In the year 1991 he approached an agency

to secure passport. The agency mentioned his date of birth as 27.09.1959. On noticing the mistake with regard to his date of birth, he submitted an application for correction of his date of birth. His date of birth has been corrected and mentioned in the passport as 18.05.1954, but in the remarks column a note has been appended as "Holder's date of birth entered on cover page of this passport has been corrected to read as 27.09.1959". Assailing the said note, the petitioner has approached this Court by invoking the jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

3. Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent.

4. It is no more in dispute that the petitioner filed an application for correction of his date of birth from 27.09.1959 to 18.05.1954. The Passport Officer, Regional Passport Office, Secunderabad/respondent entertained the application and corrected the date of birth of the petitioner as 18.05.1954. But in the note column, instead of mentioning the date of birth as 18.05.1954, it appears the respondent-authority mentioned as 27.09.1959. This appears to be a mistake, which needs to be rectified by the competent authorities on an application by the petitioner.

5. In that view of the matter, the writ petition is disposed of directing the petitioner to submit an application to the Passport Officer, Regional Passport Office, Secunderabad/ respondent, for correction of date of birth made in the note column in the passport and thereupon the authorities have to dispose of the application keeping in view the guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, pursuant to the judgment of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in Civil Writ Petition No.1072 of 2000 in ***Ali Imran v. Regional Passport Officer, Secunderabad***.

6. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

B.SESHASAYANA REDDY, J.

Dated: 28th October, 2005.

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